



DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, July 24, 2008

The meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, July 24, 2008, 3:00 p.m. at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Erminia Ramirez
Jim Holley (**ABS**)
Ronald L. Griffin
Mohamed Okdie
Willie Hampton

Department Personnel Present

Chief Ella M. Bully-Cummings
2nd DC James Tate
Lt. Lashinda Houser
Sgt. Jerry Shoates
Sgt. Rodney Cox
Sgt. Erin Stephen-Bell
PO Sophia Nelms
PO James Watson

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Celia Banks-Washington, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director
Leslie J. Griffin, Community Affairs Coordinator
P.O. Kent Cooper

OTHERS PRESENT

Ron Scott	Media
Sandra Hines	LaWanda Hail-Ruffin
Edward Moore	Edith Lee Payne

RECORDERS

Jerome Adams
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Comm. Ramirez called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:09 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **Thursday, July 24, 2008**

MOTION: **Comm. Hampton** made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: **Comm. Griffin** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Thursday, July 17, 2008**

MOTION: **Comm. Hampton** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: **Comm. Griffin** seconded the motion.

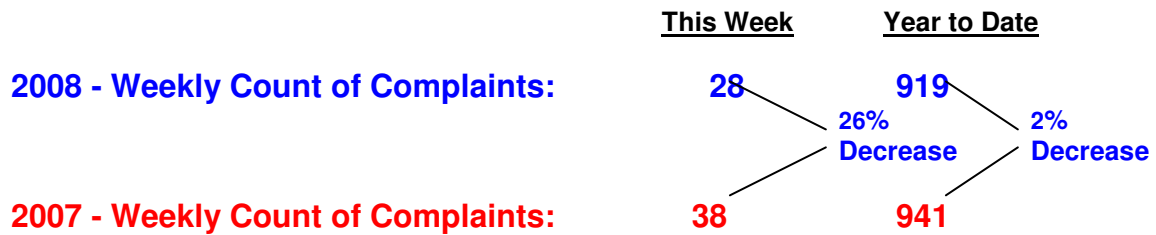
VOTE: Comm. Ramirez, Griffin, Hampton voted yes, Comm. Okdie abstained.

4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

1. CHAIRPERSON

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED



- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of 1,111 active investigations, of which 743 of those are for 2008.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 07/24/08	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
2	CENTRAL		1				1				2
3	COMMUNICATIONS		1				1			1	3
1	NARCOTICS						1				1
2	NORTHEASTERN		1	1						1	3
7	NORTHWESTERN	2	7		1		3	1	1	2	17
5	SOUTHWESTERN		1	1			3	1			6
1	TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT						1				1
3	Unknown Command		1				1			1	3
4	WESTERN				1		2			1	4
2	CENTRAL		1				1				2
28		2	12	2	2		13	2	1	6	40

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners



“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Domestic Violence

On July 14th, officers of the North-western District responded to the 7000 block of Asbury Park on a “Person Shot” and arrested a subject. Subsequent to the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence, the subject was charged with “Assault with Intent to Commit Great Bodily Harm less than Murder,” “Assault with Intent to Commit Murder” “Felony Fire-arm,” and “Felonious Assault,”

Special Points of Interest:

• Next meeting:

Thursday, July 31, 2008

@ 3:00 P.M.

**Detroit Police Department
1300 Beaubien st.
Detroit, Michigan 48226**

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Engaging the Community

ATTENTION

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Sub-Stations to make reports.

		<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Sex Crimes	2	1300 Beaubien	24 Hours	596-5100
		2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
Central District	2	7737 Kercheval	7 a.m. to 3 p.m.	628-2121
		19810 Grand River	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	935-5322
Northwestern District	2	13530 Lesure	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	596-5300
		12000 Livernois	24 Hours	237-2555
		20 Atwater	24 Hours	237-2850

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Western District

On July 18th, while on patrol in the 20000 block of Monica, officers of the Western District observed a door to a vacant home had been forced open. As a result of their investigation, two subjects were arrested and later charged with *"Breaking & Entering Without Owner's Permission."*



Northeastern District

On July 13th, officers of the Northeastern District were approached by a complainant in the area of Gratiot and Mt. Elliott, who had been robbed. Due to the officers' quick response, a subject was arrested and charged with *"Robbery Not Armed," "Motor Vehicle Act,"* and *"Habitual 2nd."* The property was recovered and returned to the complainant.



Central District

On July 17th, officers of the Central District responded to the 3000 block of Vinewood on a *"Breaking & Entering Business."* Subsequent to their investigation, three subjects were arrested and charged with *"Breaking & Entering with Intent," "Larceny in Building,"* and *"Habitual 4th."* Copper wire was confiscated.



Northwestern District

On July 20th, officers of the Northwestern District responded to the 6000 block of Rutland on a *"Non-Fatal Shooting."* Subsequent to the officers' investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with 5-counts on all charges of *"Assault with Intent to Commit Murder," "Assault with Intent to Commit Great Bodily Harm," "Felony Assault," "Felon in Possession,"* and *"Felony Firearm."*

Chief Bully-Cummings introduced Sgt. Shoates of Gun Licensing.

Sgt. Shoates gave a brief overview of the responsibilities of Gun Licensing and informed the Board and the citizens of the new gun bill that was signed by Governor Granholm.

SEE ATTACHMENT

Comm. Hampton asked Sgt. Shoates why does the unused purchase permit need to be returned after 10 days.

Sgt. Shoates stated so the date will not be altered to purchase a gun.

Comm. Ramirez asked Sgt. Shoates to walk her through the process of purchasing a gun.

Sgt. Shoates stated a person will come into Gun Licensing and a background check is done. If that person qualifies, a purchase permit will be generated for them and they are given 10 days to use that permit. If you purchase a gun you are given an extra 10 days to bring the gun and have it registered. Under the new law, a citizen will not be required to bring the weapon in to have it registered. All the paperwork is done through the mail.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated so there is no inspection of the weapon.

Sgt. Shoates stated exactly.

Comm. Griffin asked if the department has a position on this.

Sgt. Shoates stated this is something he found out about a couple of weeks ago.

Comm. Ramirez stated the bill has been passed.

Sgt. Shoates stated yes.

Comm. Ramirez stated this Board needs to do a follow-up on this issue.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated she will contact the City Lobbyist, Kenneth Coates in Lansing. He will normally call her to come to Lansing on an issue like this.

Comm. Ramirez asked Exec Dir. Goss to do a follow-up.

Comm. Okdie asked Sgt. Shoates if he is stating that this is already a law.

Sgt. Shoates stated yes.

Comm. Okdie stated it has been passed by the Legislatures and signed by the Governor.

Sgt. Shoates stated yes.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated it would not be a Bill but a public act.

Comm. Okdie stated it is a Law if the Governor signed it. He asked if there can be an amendment to a public law.

Comm. Hampton stated he thinks it can be amended.

Comm. Ramirez stated let's wait on the feedback from the Chief.

Comm. Griffin stated he didn't know there was a difference between a purchase permit and a Carrying a Concealed Weapon (CCW). He stated why would a person need a CCW because the bad person does not care. It seem like they are one in the same. These kinds of things will help serve the community if it was put in print so they can read it.

He asked to know what the relationship is between the automated pistol system and the guns that are in the property and evidence room.

Sgt. Shoates stated there is no connection.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated this system is used to do a check on the person. The guns that are in the property room are confiscated weapons and most of the time they are returned to the rightful owner.

Comm. Griffin stated between the time that the gun was legal, the owner has now committed a felony. Is there a follow-up to see if that person is on the APIS (Automated Pistol Registration System)?

Sgt. Shoates stated if they have a felony they will not get the weapon.

Comm. Griffin stated so you do go back and check.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated yes.

Comm. Griffin asked how does the department measure up to other major cities according to the National Crime Information Center in regards to guns that have been confiscated other and gun related crimes.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated the department takes in about 5,000 weapons a year. Chicago took in between 7,000-10,000, but is on par with most other cities. As far as gun related crimes, according to the FBI Crime Report there are a lot of factors you have to consider, but as of today, the department homicides are down 18%.

Comm. Ramirez stated she wanted to be clear on the process of purchasing a gun. The first step is to come and get a permit to purchase a gun by having a background check done. She asked to know how long do the background checks take.

Sgt. Shoates stated about 30 minutes to an hour.

Comm. Ramirez asked what happens after the background check.

Sgt. Shoates stated a permit is issued and instructions of that permit are given to the citizen.

Comm. Ramirez stated after receiving the permit, the person goes to a gun shop to purchase the gun.

Sgt. Shoates stated that's correct.

Comm. Ramirez asked how many days before the permit expires.

Sgt. Shoates stated 10 days with an additional 10 days to bring the weapon to be registered to see if the gun has been issued or stolen. If the gun is cleared, it is given to the individual.

Comm. Ramirez asked how long that takes.

Sgt. Shoates stated 30 minutes.

Comm. Okdie stated not everyone who buys a gun buys it to carry on them.

Sgt. Shoates stated that's correct.

Comm. Ramirez stated there are people who are gun collectors, and who use them for target practice.

Sgt. Shoates stated that's correct.

Comm. Okdie stated the only reason to have a CCW is to carry that gun with you.

Sgt. Shoates stated that's correct.

Comm. Okdie stated he went through the same process to purchase his gun. But what the Sergeant is saying is that the second part is not necessary because it can be done through the mail. The department will not have to inspect the weapon.

Sgt. Shoates stated that's correct.

Comm. Hampton asked if there's an increase in purchase permits every year.

Sgt. Shoates stated yes.

Comm. Ramirez asked how old does one have to be.

Sgt. Shoates stated to purchase from a licensed dealer you have to be 21 years old. To purchase from an individual, you can be 18 years old or older.

Comm. Ramirez stated if she was 18 years old and Comm. Griffin had a gun he wanted to sell, she could buy it.

Sgt. Shoates stated that's correct.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated she was not able to buy ammunition at 18 years old from a gun dealer even though she was on the police force, but was able to buy a gun from an individual.

Comm. Okdie stated he bought a gun through the mail, but the gun was shipped to a local dealer to begin the purchasing process.

Comm. Hampton asked Sgt. Shoates to give an estimation of unregistered guns in the City of Detroit.

Sgt. Shoates stated he doesn't know.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated the department gets an annual report from (Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms) ATF that shows the majority of the crime guns were once legal weapons and were taken as a result of burglary.

Comm. Griffin stated these are hand guns that are being discussed.

Sgt. Shoates stated they are hand guns and small assault type weapons.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no standing committee reports.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

8. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

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Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien, Rm. 328-A
Detroit, MI 48226

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

E. Lee-Payne gave an update to the Board on the case involving her son who was acquitted. She wanted to know how a person's picture gets on the 10 most wanted list.

She stated she has spoken with Representative Virgil Smith who stated the mailing process is for the renewal of a registered gun.

Comm. Griffin why did she ask this body what criteria exists to get on the 10 most wanted list. He doesn't want her to assume that this Board knows.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated the department has a 10 most wanted list of individuals who have committed an egregious crime, and have warrant(s) for their arrest.

Comm. Griffin asked if the Chief's statement was helpful.

E. Lee-Payne she wanted more specifics because her son's picture appears on that list based on allegations.

Comm. Griffin stated your son's picture was on the 10 most wanted list.

E. Lee-Payne stated yes.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated the department does not put anyone on that list without a valid warrant.

E. Lee-Payne stated there was a warrant, but it was on based on allegations.

Comm. Griffin asked did she have a clear understanding.

E. Lee-Payne stated yes, but she hopes there will be an investigation based on false allegations.

E. Moore stated to the Board, Chief and members of the audience that Councilman Kenyatta's door is always open.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

DLG/rb